

I understand that the National Assoc. of Broadcasters (NAB) has petitioned you (04-160) to curtail the services offered by XM satellite radio, and I would like to just voice my opinion in protest to that petition.

As a professional truck driver moving this country's goods across the nation to the tune of 140,000 miles per year, the traffic and weather services offered by by paid subscription have long since gone beyond luxury. I'll not bore you with specific tales and stories, but let it suffice to say that

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aiding in the safe fulfillment of my responsibilities is of immense importance. XM supplies me with constant 24 hour coverage of road conditions across the nation allowing me to make driving decisions that impact not only the timely delivery of my goods, but the safety of my equipment as well as the general driving public.

This typ of service is either not available on local broadcast stations or, at best, spotty. And Louisville, KY is certainly not going to tell me what that tornado watch is doing in Hunstville, AL! XM radio does.

The NAB was sleeping at the wheel when TV was introduced and again when FM radio came along. And now with the advent of Satellite Radio they're still snoozing. They just want you folks to fluff-up their pillow .....for comfort sake, you know. I urge you not to do it.

With best regards,  
Jim Parham